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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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# Missoula County

Located in western Montana, Missoula County is Montana’s second most populous with 95,802 residents, according to the 2000 Census.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1865 and was once part of Washington Territory.

Missoula, the county seat, is the state’s second largest city with a population of 57,053. Nicknamed the “Garden City,” Missoula often has a milder climate than other Montana cities. Missoula is home to the University of Montana and the 2001 NCAA Division I-AA Championship Grizzly football team. According to a University of Montana *Kaimin* article, Washington-Grizzly Stadium ranks as the seventh highest population center in Montana during game time when filled to capacity with 19,500 fans. The city is also a major medical and retail hub in western Montana.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Missoula County households in 1998 was \$34,897. The county is 2,618.4 square miles in area; 2,598.2 square miles in land area and 20.17 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Missoula in January between 1961 and 1990 was 15.4 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 83.4 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 13.46 inches and the growing season was from May 26 to Sept. 17 (last and first frost).

## Missoula County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90	% Change '80 to '00
Montana	902,195	799,065	786,690	12.9%	1.6%	14.7%
Missoula County	95,802	78,687	76,016	21.8%	3.5%	26.0%
Missoula	57,053	42,918	34,893	32.9%	23.0%	63.5%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896

## Top 20 Private Employers In Missoula County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

Albertson's Advanced Integrated Management Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative Community Medical Center JWE Enterprises Louisiana Pacific Corp Missoula Family YMCA	Missoulain Nightingale Nursing & Caregiver Services Nolan Agency & Temps Opportunity Resources Inc Partners In Home Care St. Patrick Hospital Stinson Lumber Company	Stone Container Corp Touch America Village Health Care Center Wal-Mart Watkins & Shepherd Trucking Western Montana Clinic
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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau  
Second Quarter 2003 Unemployment Insurance Information  
Listed for Index ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance - Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded

# 1998 New Businesses by Industry

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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

\*SIC Code: Standard Industrial Classification Code.

New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.

Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

Annual Average Labor Force For Missoula County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem-ployed	Unem-employment Rate
2000	55,603	53,746	1,857	3.3%
1999	54,125	52,171	1,954	3.6%
1998	52,270	50,046	2,224	4.3%
1997	51,298	49,110	2,188	4.3%
1996	49,875	47,871	2,004	4.0%
1995	47,980	45,498	2,482	5.2%
1994	47,612	45,419	2,193	4.6%
1993	46,825	44,090	2,735	5.8%
1992	45,736	42,681	3,055	6.7%
1991	43,384	40,088	3,296	7.6%
1990	42,704	40,181	2,523	5.9%
1989	41,341	39,210	2,131	5.2%
1988	40,600	37,998	2,602	6.4%
1987	40,959	38,339	2,620	6.4%
1986	41,378	38,387	2,991	7.2%
1985	40,968	38,074	2,894	7.1%
1984	39,918	37,363	2,555	6.4%
1983	36,515	33,581	2,934	8.0%
1982	35,334	32,082	3,252	9.2%
1981	35,546	32,268	3,278	9.2%
1980	35,834	33,121	2,713	7.6%
1979	36,382	34,061	2,321	6.4%
1978	36,017	33,556	2,461	6.8%
1977	32,531	30,173	2,358	7.2%
1976	30,344	28,298	2,046	6.7%
1975	29,008	26,869	2,139	7.4%
1974	27,548	25,891	1,657	6.0%
1973	26,419	25,060	1,359	5.1%
1972	25,649	24,486	1,163	4.5%
1971	23,924	22,896	1,028	4.3%
1970	23,512	22,398	1,114	4.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2001 Benchmark)

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data <i>Civilian Labor Force-All Persons</i>			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	40,011	21,511	18,500
<b>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</b>	10,417	5,226	5,191
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	4,210	2,368	1,842
Professional Specialty Occupations	6,207	2,858	3,349
<b>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</b>	12,205	4,765	7,440
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	1,375	726	649
Sales Occupations	5,188	2,848	2,340
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	5,642	1,191	4,451
<b>Service Occupations</b>	6,794	2,677	4,117
Private Household Occupations	168	13	155
Protective Service Occupations	651	537	114
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	5,975	2,127	3,848
<b>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</b>	1,171	896	275
<b>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</b>	3,594	3,248	346
Mechanics and Repairers	1,303	1,223	80
Construction Trade	1,379	1,318	61
Extractive Occupations	10	6	4
Precision Production Occupations	902	701	201
<b>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</b>	5,637	4,604	1,033
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,937	1,415	522
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,895	1,736	159
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,805	1,453	352
<b>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</b>	193	95	98

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CO-ROM)

**Resources**

⇒ **Chambers of Commerce:**  
Missoula Chamber, P. O. Box 7577, Missoula, MT 59807. 406-543-6623  
Seeley Lake Area Chamber, P. O. Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. 406-677-2880

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**  
*Missoula Job Service Workforce Center*  
539 S. 3rd St. W., Missoula, MT 59806. 406-728-7060.  
<http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/missoula/>

**Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications**  
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**  
Missoula County Association of Realtors, Inc., 715 Kensington, Suite 25A, Missoula, MT 59801. 406-728-0560

⇒ **Internet:**  
Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>  
Cities and towns of Bonner, Clinton, Frenchtown, Greenough, Huson, Lolo, Mlltown, Missoula and Seeley Lake Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**  
*Drivers' Licensing*  
Missoula—2681 Palmer, Suite A, 406-329-1355

⇒ **Newspapers:**  
*Missoula Independent*, P. O. Box 8275, Missoula, MT 59807. 406-543-6609.  
<http://www.missoulanews.com>  
*The Missoulian*, P. O. Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807. 406-523-5200.  
<http://www.missoulain.com>  
*Seeley Swan Pathfinder*, P. O. Box 702, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. 406-677-2022.  
<http://www.seeleyswanpathfinder.com>

⇒ **Public Libraries:**  
Missoula Public Library, 301 E. Main, Missoula, MT 59802-4799. 406-721-2665  
Seeley Lake Branch Library, High School Road, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. 406-677-2224

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institutions:**  
**Montana University System**  
University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812. 800-462-8636. <http://www.umt.edu/>  
The University of Montana College of Technology, 909 S. Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801. 406-243-7811 or 800-542-6882 (withn Montana). <http://www.cte.umt.edu/>

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**  
Bonner Elementary, Box 1004, Bonner, MT 59823. 406-258-6151  
Clinton Elementary, P. O. Box 250, Clinton, MT 59825. 406-825-3113  
DeSmet Elementary, 6355 Padre Lane, Missoula, MT 59808. 406-549-4994  
Frenchtown K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 117, Frenchtown, MT 59834. 406-626-5762  
Hellgate Elementary, 2385 Flynn Lane, Missoula, MT 59802. 406-728-5626  
Lolo Elementary, 11395 Highway 93 S., Lolo, MT 59847. 406-273-0451  
Missoula County Public Schools, 215 S. 6th W., Missoula, MT 59801. 406-728-2400  
Potomac Elementary, 29750 Potomac Road, Potomac, MT 59823. 406-244-5581  
Seeley Lake Elementary, P. O. Box 840, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. 406-677-2265  
Sunset Elementary, P. O. Box 344, Greenough, MT 59836. 406-244-5685  
Swan Valley Elementary, 6423 Highway 83, Condon, MT 59826. 406-754-2320  
Target Range Elementary, 4095 S. Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59804. 406-549-9239  
Woodman Elementary, 18470 Highway 12 West, Lolo, MT 59847. 406-883-4887

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Missoula Employment By Industry*							
Annual Averages 2000							
Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	3,922	48,911	\$1,237,754,430	General Merchandise	19	1483	\$23,222,028
PRIVATE BUSINESS	3,800	40,193	\$965,789,482	Food Stores	55	1343	\$20,286,348
AGRI., FORESTRY, FISH	72	299	\$6,357,736	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	98	1413	\$34,252,519
Agri Production/Crops	4	26	\$210,610	Apparel & Accessories	46	323	\$3,577,583
Agri Production/Livestock	11	42	\$1,151,610	Furniture Stores	75	581	\$12,825,313
Agriculture Services	43	147	\$2,057,452	Eating & Drinking	257	4129	\$39,415,009
Forestry	13	83	\$2,938,066	Miscellaneous Retail	168	1315	\$18,012,587
MINING	8	31	\$1,301,474	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	330	2241	\$72,236,311
Metal Mining	5	11	\$369,273	Banking	40	746	\$20,929,970
CONSTRUCTION	450	2,485	\$75,425,588	Credit Agencies	30	156	\$5,240,292
General Building	150	608	\$17,344,036	Security & Commodity	33	104	\$6,903,120
Heavy Construction	30	360	\$14,336,072	Insurance Carriers	29	133	\$5,780,817
Special Trade	270	1,516	\$43,745,480	Insurance Agents	65	527	\$19,331,591
MANUFACTURING	190	3,347	\$119,757,715	Real Estate	121	437	\$8,963,287
Food Products	13	329	\$8,845,660	Holding & Investments	9	135	\$5,087,734
Apparel	4	15	\$182,436	SERVICES	1543	15538	\$363,636,575
Lumber	69	1,287	\$44,116,976	Hotels & Lodging	56	590	\$5,829,994
Furniture	9	102	\$2,460,526	Personal Services	66	443	\$6,792,372
Printing-Publishing	28	421	\$11,403,811	Business Services	223	2360	\$42,731,793
Chemicals	3	15	\$449,462	Auto Repair Services	119	785	\$1,279,125
Stone-Clay-Glass	6	37	\$950,775	Miscellaneous Repair Services	50	195	\$4,866,130
Fabricated Metals	8	101	\$3,228,541	Motion Pictures	22	248	\$2,234,529
Nonelectrical Machinery**	11	58	\$2,229,945	Amusement & Recreation	95	1063	\$10,755,913
Instruments	9	132	\$3,464,866	Health Services	262	5247	\$174,072,643
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11	172	\$4,615,253	Legal Services	88	448	\$16,204,934
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	181	2,734	\$92,872,903	Educational Services	28	291	\$4,448,245
Trucking-Warehousing	101	1,178	\$41,295,119	Social Services	148	1674	\$24,315,464
Air Transportation	10	271	\$8,849,814	Membership Organizations	103	823	\$11,683,873
Transportation Services	24	179	\$3,991,264	Engineering Services	208	1217	\$39,845,599
Communication	23	609	\$22,928,758	Private Households	55	106	\$1,658,286
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	11	265	\$11,986,433	NONCLASSIFIABLE	25	23	\$465,650
WHOLESALE TRADE	222	2,243	\$65,852,141	GOVERNMENT	122	6717	\$271,964,948
Durable Goods	148	1,277	\$41,210,214	State	18	4176	\$118,684,569
Nondurable Goods	74	965	\$24,641,927	Local	52	3137	\$88,238,657
RETAIL TRADE	774	11,250	\$167,863,387	Federal	52	1403	\$65,043,722
Building Materials-Garden	53	661	\$16,272,020				

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)  
\*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance  
\*\*Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment

	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
<b>U.S.</b>	\$28,542	\$27,322	\$25,874	\$24,651	\$23,562	\$22,581	\$21,718	\$21,082	\$20,089	\$19,584	\$10,183	\$4,095
<b>Montana</b>	\$21,997	\$21,307	\$20,173	\$19,383	\$18,764	\$18,129	\$18,072	\$17,114	\$16,509	\$15,524	\$9,143	\$3,625
<b>% of National Average</b>	77%	78%	78%	79%	80%	80%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89
<b>Missoula County</b>	\$24,476	\$23,446	\$22,006	\$20,981	\$20,105	\$19,395	\$18,713	\$17,939	\$16,754	\$15,935	\$9,187	\$3,450
<b>% of National Average</b>	86%	86%	85%	85%	85%	86%	86%	85%	83%	81%	90%	84%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, Released May 2001

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex														
		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone				Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race		
School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		Islander Alone		Alone		Races		any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	7,622	3,649	36	12	308	154	107	54	58	24	293	136	216	101
12-14	3,660	1,783	11	6	136	67	53	26	21	10	117	55	101	53
15-17	3,715	1,806	10	3	129	52	59	29	22	8	105	55	84	32
18-21	8,109	4,177	27	8	217	111	136	84	43	24	190	98	172	93
Total	23,106	11,415	84	29	790	384	355	193	144	66	705	344	573	279
		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone				Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race		
Working & Voting Age	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		Islander Alone		Alone		Races		any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	72,548	36,581	180	48	1,527	766	807	447	316	150	1,119	572	1,073	559
16-64	63,166	31,180	173	45	1,453	716	762	426	303	140	1,055	537	1,013	527
18+	70,145	35,415	170	45	1,447	734	771	429	301	146	1,051	540	1,006	534
18-64	60,763	30,014	163	42	1,373	684	726	408	288	136	987	505	946	502
		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone				Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race		
Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		Islander Alone		Alone		Races		any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	4,931	2,427	34	16	173	76	68	32	29	18	220	120	136	71
5-17	14,997	7,238	57	21	573	273	219	109	101	42	515	246	401	186
18-44	39,965	19,752	137	34	1,025	511	576	322	230	111	750	379	746	397
45-64	20,798	10,262	26	8	348	173	150	86	58	25	237	126	200	105
65+	9,382	5,401	7	3	74	50	45	21	13	10	64	35	60	32
Total	90,073	45,080	261	82	2,193	1,083	1,058	570	431	206	1,786	906	1,543	791
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data														
Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001														

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County of Residence	# Who Work in Missoula County	County of Work	# Who Live in Missoula County
Out of State	313	Out of State	293
Cascade County	120	Cascade County	65
Flathead County	56	Flathead County	28
Gallatin County	45	Gallatin County	20
Granite County	45	Granite County	56
Lake County	261	Lake County	162
Lewis & Clark County	63	Lewis & Clark County	88
Mineral County	99	Mineral County	157
Missoula County	35,069	Missoula County	35,069
Powell County	20	Ravalli County	263
Ravalli County	1,604	Silver Bow County	32
Sanders County	77	Yellowstone County	42
Yellowstone County	73	Other Montana Counties	145
Other Montana Counties	75		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics